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Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 28 and 30 as follows:

28. A method for inactivating viruses in (body fluid) the method comprising the steps of:

initially storing an amount of methylene blue and an amount of the (body fluid) in separate sterile, sealed containers, each container having an inner surface made of a non-polyvinyl chloride, plastic material and the container in which the (body fluid) is stored includes portions that are made of a polyvinyl chloride material;

forming a mixture by adding at least a portion of the amount of the methylene blue to the amount of the (body fluid) wherein the portion of methylene blue is a virucidally effective amount of the methylene blue and further wherein the mixture formed is within one of the containers in which the methylene blue or (body fluid) is initially stored under sterile conditions; and

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